[Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai.]

(*a*) when the same was surveyed ;

(*b*) whether estimates have been prepared for the same ; and if so, when, and what the amount is ; and

(*c*) th cause of the delay in taking up that work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) An investigation for the improvements to the trace was conducted in 1925.

(*b*) Yes in 1933. An estimate amounting to Rs. 1,660.

(*c*) For want of funds.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether the urgency of taking up this trace was brought to the notice of Government on many occasions during the previous sessions of the Council ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether now at least Government will be pleased to look into the matter ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Government have looked into the matter.

Grant-in-Aid to Vydiasalas.

138. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of the allotment that is made in the Budget for 1111 M. E. to award grant-in-aid for new *Vydiasalas* ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Rs. 3,880 (*Vide* foot-note given at page 155 of the State Budget for 1111 M. E.)

Director of Ayurveda.

139. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the reasons which weighed with the Government in abolishing the office of the Director of Ayurveda :

(*b*) the nature of the retirement of the last Director of Ayurveda ;

(*c*) the name of the person who was last in charge of the duties of the Director and his present duties and official designation : and

(*d*) the reasons which weighed with the Government in divesting such person of the powers of the Director ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The office of the Director of Ayurveda has not been abolished, but is only kept in abeyance.

(*b*) Retirement on pension.

(*c*) Mr. N. Nilakanta Pillai. His present official designation is Inspector of Ayurveda. He exercises administrative control over grant-in-aid hospitals, grant-in-aid *vydiasalas* and recognised *vydiasalas*.

(*d*) The Inspector of Ayurveda has the same powers in regard to the institutions under him as the Director had.

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